

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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**IN THE SPECIFICATION****1. Please amend the indicated paragraphs of the specification as follows:**

**[0017]** The invention comprises a spindle motor for a disc drive data storage device wherein the stator assembly is supported within the base of the device to reduce acoustic noise. FIG. 2 is a sectional view of a hydrodynamic bearing spindle motor 200 in accordance with the present invention. The spindle motor 200 comprises a motor support base 202, a stationary shaft 204, a hub 206 and a stator 208. Formed within the motor support base 202 are a pair of annular supports 210 and 212 for supporting the stator 208. The annular supports 210 and 212 form concentric circles equidistant from the centrally located shaft 204. These annular supports are formed to support the stator ~~[[204]]~~ 208 about the stator's first and second external diameters. Other elements and components of the motor such as the permanent magnets 214, the stator laminations 216 and the associated stator windings 218 are common to other motors of this type.

**[0023]** FIG. 5C depicts a portion of a housing base 508 comprising a solid second annular support 510 and a slotted first annular support 512 where the second and first supports 510 and 512 are separated by a trough ~~[[512]]~~ 514.